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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English translations of the abstracts of the non-English documents are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in the European Search Report which issued from a corresponding European Patent Application. A copy of the European Search Report is included herewith. The European Search Report is not a reference, and Applicants do not necessarily subscribe to any of the statements contained therein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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